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LB 294, 866, 1092

guard is told to use a federal program for this purpose where they can, but in this case, we cannot solve this problem with the federal program.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 12 nays on the advancement of 866, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 866 is advanced. Anything for the good of the cause, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed to LB 294 by Senator Conway. (See pages 1826-30 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have.

PRESIDENT: LB 1092, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1092 was a bill introduced by Senators Schellepeper, Hefner, Coordsen, Scofield, and Dierks. (Read title.) The bill was introduced in January, referred to the Natural Resources Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee, Mr. President. (See page 1458 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Loran Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I will go through the committee amendments section by section, since I believe it is important that this Legislature understand exactly what the committee has purported to do with these amendments. I will then invite questions. There are some amendments being offered to the committee amendments, and we will address those at the proper time. I know that there has been a lot of conversation about this bill. There is a lot of public discussion relative to the bill. I want to emphasize once again that I do not believe this Legislature abdicated its responsibility when it joined the low-level radioactive waste compact and the fact that today people are complaining that they were not aware of what this state was doing cannot be blamed or laid at the feet of this Legislature, because this Legislature did act responsibly and we acted in full public view and with public disclosure for